



ATV & SNOWMOBILE SAFETY EDUCATION NEWS

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

by Leland Owens

Happy Summer 2010!

Even though the weather had been cool and wet the calendar tells us summer is finally here. The Education/Safety Section has been busy with a number of projects. The biggest one has been the development and implementation of the Firearm Safety All-Day Range and Field Day (ADRFD). If interested check it out at:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/firearms

INSTRUCTOR TEAMS!

How's your 'team' roster looking? Remember, we recommend 4-6 certified instructors for a class of 24 students. Is it time to "draft" more team players to help out? Don't let this wait! As instructors we should always be recruiting qualified people to join our youth instructor teams. Friends at work, riding buddies, like minded neighbors...future instructor team members surround us every day!

Remember, if you know of a friend, spouse, club member or co-worker who is interested in becoming a volunteer instructor, contact your local RTO (pg 5) to set up an instructor training clinic.

PREREQUISITES!

If you haven't heard, we now require all future safety program instructors to complete certain

'prerequisites' prior to attending training. This is for multiple reasons. One being, with certain paperwork and policy review done by applicants prior to the clinic, it allows the RTOs more time to focus on 'hands on' activities during the training. The prerequisites also give us more background information on our volunteers and proves their commitment to the programs.

Fatality Update

Unfortunately, we've just lost a juvenile ATV passenger in a recent accident. This tragedy combined with the others, which include three operators who lost their lives over Memorial Day weekend, brings the ATV fatalities for 2010 to nine. One of the accident victims was a relative of one of our Trail Ambassadors. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the families involved. It's tragedies like this that remind us of "Why we do, what we do".

Imparting safety knowledge and safe riding skills to our local youth is a privilege. The information we convey to the youth has no expiration date. What saves lives today in the world of snowmobile and off-highway vehicle safety, will save lives tomorrow and in the years to come. As instructors we need to be diligent in our training, doing our best to make certain that each youth class is given a great learning experience!!

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"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

Aristotle



Rita Butterfield pictured with L-R; CO Brent Speldrich, CO Jeff Humphrey, RTO Shelly Patten, CO Scott Staples and CO Dustie Heaton. Photo Courtesy of Tarey Johnson Editor, Star Gazette/ Evergreen Shopper, Moose Lake.

2009 ATV Instructor of the Year!

The 2009 ATV Instructor of the Year is **Rita Butterfield of Barnum**. Originally certified in 2006, Rita leads the planning of her area ATV youth safety training which annually involves six or more classes. Her classes cover a significant part of Minnesota touching more than half a dozen communities in three different counties; Aitkin, Pine and Carlton.

Rita works with local COs and sheriffs' departments to organize and promote ATV Safety training. As the secretary and treasurer of two ATV clubs, she makes sure that ATV safety training is on the agenda for every meeting. Each year Rita works the ATV club booth at the Carlton County Fair. She works with Community Ed to set up numerous youth ATV safety classes, which run April through October. She also writes ATV Safety news articles for six local papers.

Rita also ensures that area communities have DNR ATV Safety CDs available to them and often personally delivers these materials. Recently Rita became a certified Snowmobile Education Safety Instructor and immediately began applying her excellent teaching skills.

CONGRATULATIONS RITA!

"It's always something!" by Leland Owens

This time it's with the ATV CD. Thankfully it's not a huge issue. In simple terms, the software used for the ATV CD is antiquated and is no longer being updated. We have discovered, through students and instructors, that there is a compatibility issue between the ATV CD software and some of today's newest computers. The issue occurs with 'Windows Vista' in particular. It involves the inability to print items when prompted to "print screen". Until the ATV course is available online, this will continue to be an issue (we have no date for going on-line at this time).

Our only immediate remedy for this situation is for the user to download "printscreen software" to their computer. This allows their computer to capture the information on a page and print. The following link brings them to a free download of *Gadwin PrintScreen*. It is a highly recommended and utilized program.

If users go to this link it will explain the print screen software: <http://www.gadwin.com/printscreen/> Go to the page and click on Download Gadwin PrintScreen now. Once the software is downloaded to the computer – the user can press the **PrtSc** (printscreen) button on the computer to print the page they are viewing. The **PrtSc** button is located in the upper right side of the keyboard. An informational letter can also be found on our ATV Safety Training web page:

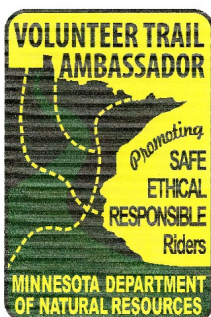
www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html

Please pass this information along to parents and students at your class registration meetings.

A Sign of the Times

Many Trail Ambassadors have asked about a sign to help educate the public about the monitoring program. Well, they're here. Each club was mailed six of these new signs. Trail Ambassadors

Trails are monitored by



have permission to post these signs at trail head parking lots on current program trails. TAs may use the existing wooden DNR sign posts to attach them to. These are intended to be 'seasonal' signs so they will need to be collected at the end of the TA monitoring season. Please contact us if you have any questions!

2009 Snowmobile Instructor of the Year!

Richard Kuttner of Hutchinson was chosen as the DNR 2009 Snowmobile Education & Safety Volunteer Instructor of the Year. Kuttner has been a DNR volunteer for over 17 years and is very passionate about training youth. Richard teaches classes around his hometown and in Glencoe. He is a dedicated member and strong supporter of the 'Crow-River Sno Pro's putting in lots of hours and hard work. He's currently a lead regional director for MnUSA. In the past he's been a groomer operator, trail prep volunteer and is the head chef at the local vintage sled show.

Richard was instrumental in keeping local trails around town open for use and every year he works with McLeod County and the DNR on trail items. Whether it's snowmobiling in Minnesota or out west, Kuttner has a vast knowledge of both. The award was presented in February at the MnUSA Rendezvous in Hinckley.

Congratulations Richard!!



Pictured Left to Right: DNR Commissioner Mark Holsten, Richard Kuttner, Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau and Conservation Officer Leland Owens. Photo Courtesy of Janet Widness, MnUSA

11-15 YO Snowmobile Safety Students Certified

'09-'10	6,838
'08-'09	7,014
'07-'08	7,338
'06-'07	8,586
'05-'06	8,004
'04-'05	11,058

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CD OPTION **NOW AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC!**

WE WANT - Snowmobile CD Course Instructors!

The new Snowmobile Safety CD option is now available to the public! Check out the new webpage at: dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/snowmobile

Remember, the traditional style class is not going anywhere!

Instructor teams have a choice as to which class style they would like to provide in their local communities. (we recommend one of each!)

Here is how the new CD youth option works. Students 11-15 years old obtain a free CD from the DNR or instructors. They study the safety information on the CD at their own pace under the

guidance of a parent or guardian. The CD should take approximately 2-4 hours to complete. Once the CD is completed, **students print out a 'voucher of completion'** and go to the DNR website to find and register for a **CD** Snowmobile Safety class in their area.

The day of the Snowmobile Safety CD Class, 11-15 year old students hand in their signed 'voucher of completion'. That day will include a review of the highpoints and important safety information. Special guests and DNR Conservation Officers should also be contacted to speak at these classes! Students **must** take the final written exam and the driving/practical test. The classroom portion and the driving test should take 4-5 hours for a recommended class size of 24 students.

****INSTRUCTOR TRAINING—PLAN NOW!****

If your team is interested in teaching the new Youth CD course training is required for *at least one team member!* Check "Instructor" webpage or contact your local RTO for Snowmobile Safety CD instructor training ! (pg 6)

Attention Instructors—***FREE*** ATVs and Snowmobiles!

OK, now that I have your attention..... 😊 We usually use these important 'Reminders from Ripley' to 'fill' left over space in the newsletter. Considering some of the recent issues we've seen, we decided it was time these procedural tidbits were highlighted in a new format! ***Here are some areas that need your attention:***

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION: Instructors, PLEASE email us with any changes in your address, phone number, or email address! Also if you need a new instructor card just call or email us and we'll get one to you.

SUPPLIES: Please remember that you MUST submit your order for supplies at least 30 days prior to the start date of your class. This insures that you will receive your supplies well before the starting date. Please check your supplies immediately upon receipt and notify us if there is something missing.

STUDENTS: Students registering for your safety class MUST be age 11 by the START DATE of your class. They are not eligible for certification if they are underage. Please remember to check the age of your students prior to the start of your class. Several rosters were again received with students who could not lawfully be in the class because they were too young. ALL certificates are to be mailed out to the student, including 11-year olds. The certificate asks the parent or guardian to hold the certificate until the child's 12th birthday, so please do not hold any certificates. Mail them all to the students. Remind parents and students to check their card for accuracy once they receive it. If there is an error, have them contact us! The yellow copies of the 'Parental Release Form' go to the students! Instructors keeps the WHITE.

FORMS AND ROSTERS: We are seeing incomplete and misspelled information on paperwork. Remind parents of the importance of printing their son or daughter's *full legal name* and *DOB legibly* on the parental release form. Please double (**and Triple**) check these forms to make sure all the blanks are filled in, the full legal names are there, along with correct birth dates (month, day & year), etc.. If Community Ed is doing the registration, educate those folks on the importance of a legible full legal name and date of birth.

All forms are online!! Go to: www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/resources.html Then you can type in the information & presto-everything is legible!

Life is Short! Use the rosters we send! Do not create your own forms or rosters. (There is no extra pay/or points for creativity!) Forms and rosters are part of your supply order **every** time. It makes us wonder what you are doing with the pile of rosters you've been getting from us when they're not being used?? (do they go to the same place as the socks that disappear in the dryer?!)

CLASS UPDATES! If your class is cancelled for some reason, you need to notify our office. Otherwise, we're going to expect to see a roster from that class. Same thing holds true if your class is **full**, we need to know that as well so we can list it as FULL on the website. Otherwise, people will continue to call us (instructors and Ripley staff!) asking about the class.

Please call or e-mail us with any questions or comments that you have. Your comments and suggestions help us to provide better service to you and our students.

DNR EDUCATION/SAFETY PROGRAMS

1-800-366-8917

Trail Ambassador Mid-Season Meeting

Volunteer Trail Ambassador 2010 Mid-Season Meeting Saturday, August 21st, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location—Outing

R.S.V.P. with Deb Quinn

1-800-366-8917 Ext.— 2465

**Contact your Local Conservation Officer about the availability of:
Computers, Projection Units,
DVD/VCR players & Speakers**

Bring the 21st Century into your classroom !!!

Multi-Year Certification, registration and Accident Reports!

Remember to check out the DNR website to get the latest ATV/Snowmobile certification, registration and accident reports. This is useful information for parents and students! www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/incidentreports

2010 Trail Ambassadors Underway



As we begin the third season of the Trail Ambassador Program, we are pleased to announce that there are 165 trained ambassadors, which includes one off-highway motorcycle rider. These dedicated folks represent twenty-six clubs/sponsoring organizations. At this time, 18 grant contracts have been submitted and approved. Spring TA training went well and we appreciate all who stepped up to the plate to volunteer and assist with this unique

grant program. This year things are off to a great start. TAs have put in well over 200 hours and have monitored over 800 miles!

Reminder! - The OHV Advisory Council meeting will be taking place Tuesday, July 6th 5:30PM at Ripley. This is the Commissioner appointed committee which oversees the Trail Ambassador program. If you have any concerns or ideas related to the TA program that you would like the advisory council to review, please let us know!

ATV TRAINING ONLINE!!

The Education and Safety section is in the planning stages of offering 'ATV Training Online' in the Spring of 2011. We are currently working with a company who is putting together a quality online ATV safety program. When we 'go live' with this, students will be able to access the safety training on a website. Upon finishing the training, those 11-15 years old will still be required to attend and pass an 'ATV Safety Training Class'. Stay tuned, we'll keep you posted as this develops!

THINK SAFETY!

We want you, the instructors, to remember that you are the 'Safety Manager' for your youth classes. That means each instructor team should do a 'Risk Assessment' of the classroom and riding course prior to the start of every class. It's up to you to provide a 'hazard free' riding zone for the performance evaluation (driving) portion of your classes. First, follow all DNR guidelines when setting up the riding course. Do not vary the courses in any way. Use relatively flat land and set up away from trees, parking lots, power poles, curbs, holes, cars, rocks, ATVs, snowmobiles, hills, etc...and anything else that may pose a hazard to the youth drivers. When you set up the ATV props, ensure they are in good condition and are stable. Use LOW gear on ATVs and Throttle Blocks on snowmobiles! Drive the course yourself to make certain it's safe. Never substitute a trail ride for the performance evaluation portion of the training! Please make certain the classroom setting is free of hazards, also. Let parents and students know where they can and cannot go. As an instructor team, make sure your members and other adults exercise great caution when unloading and loading ATVs and sleds.

We all want Accident Free Safety Training!!

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

Sherry Anderson

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart!

Elizabeth Andrew

Do you need additional instructors certified or have program questions? Contact the Regional Training Officer (RTO) in your area.

RTO Names, Phone Numbers and E-mail:

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NE Metro Bruce Lawrence	651-674-2705
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Southern Jeff Fleming	507-765-2724
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Rec. Vehicle Coordinator	
Leland Owens	763-753-1887
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NEW Laws for 2010

This last legislative session had many memorable moments like others in the past. There were a few bills passed that should be of interest to you. Here is a brief summary of Off-Highway Vehicle related laws. For access to complete and current MN statutory language go to: www.leg.state.mn.us Also check the new 2010-2011 OHV Regulations booklet due out in August.

All of the below were effective as of 5-18-10.

- **Class 1 ATV** maximum weight increases to 1000 lbs (was 900 lbs)
- **Class 2 ATV** weight changed to 1000 -1800 lbs (was 900-1500 lbs)
- **OHV closed season**—Recreational OHV use on state forest lands prohibited during firearms deer season where deer may be taken by rifle. (exception for persons with valid hunting license in possession)
- **Indian tribal government** exempt from requirement to register OHM's, ORV's, snowmobiles, ATV's, and boats.
- **New optional lifetime** collector snowmobile and ATV registration that allows unlimited use, \$6 registration fee.
- **Allow non-resident youth** under 16 to take Motorcycle Safety Foundation training instead of the state training course
- **Allow non-resident youth** 12-15 years of age to take ATV Safety Institute training instead of the state training course Non-resident ATV trail pass not required when operating an ATV with a MN registration
- **ATV grant-in-aid trails** can be established within road ROW's in ag zone
- **Youth under 12** years old may operate an ATV in an organized contest on public lands, under 90cc and supervised by adult

Snowmobile Registrations

<u>2003:</u> 267,467	<u>2004:</u> 270,319
<u>2005:</u> 270,873	<u>2006:</u> 277,015
<u>2007:</u> 244,432	<u>2008:</u> 251,368
<u>2009:</u> 252,003	

Data source MN DNR License Bureau

**Thank You Safety
Instructors!!
We couldn't do it without you!**

ATV Registrations

	<u>Public*</u>	<u>TOTAL**</u>
2003:	205,771	241,985
2004:	223,714	266,283
2005:	236,683	285,394
2006:	248,754	303,958
2007:	263,640	326,114
2008:	268,316	338,223
2009:	267,727	343,413

MN DNR License Bureau

*Reflects data as of December 31st. Class 1 and 2 ATVs require the same three-year registration. This figure includes the following four expiration classes: the present year, and each of the three succeeding years.

** This column reflects tax-exempt (non-expiring) and private/agricultural (a one-time fee) registrations. The one-time registration of private/agricultural and tax-exempt machines means these are never purged from the system from year to year.

Student Certifications

Total students certified

Ages 11-15

2004 – 1,557

2005 – 1,790

2006 – 3,350

2007 – 2,923

2008 – 2,320

2009 thru Sept. 1 – 2,156



2010 Current Number of ATV Fatalities 9

Go to: www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/incidentreports for details



2009 SUMMARY OF ATV/OHM/OHV ACCIDENTS

Number of ATV Fatalities	14
Number of Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Fatalities	1
Number of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fatalities	0

11/28/09 – Jackson County

68-year-old male died when his ATV rolled, landing on his chest.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – no

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

9/27/09 – 6:30 p.m. - Hubbard County

20-year-old male died as a result of head injuries when his ATV rolled and he was thrown from the machine.

He was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – BAC .318

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

9/11/09 – 5:11 p.m. – Scott County

48-year-old male died as a result of head injuries he received in the ATV accident. He was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – BAC .122

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

8/29/09 – 7:36 p.m. – Renville County

16-year-old male died as a result of injuries from an ATV accident where he was the passenger. The 15-year-old operator (not wearing a helmet) was treated at a local hospital.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – no

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – no

8/23/09 – 10:20 a.m. – Carlton County

62-year-old male died when he lost control of his ATV, which he was operating on a public road, went over a curb, through bushes and struck a parked car.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine-Car Collision

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – no

7/18/09 – 3:56 a.m. – Chippewa County

37-year-old male died on 7/24/09 as a result of injuries received on 7/18/09 when his ATV rolled over, resulting in operator being thrown from machine.

Type of Terrain – Within City or Village Limits

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – BAC .261

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

7/3/09 – 11:00 p.m. – Pine County

57-year-old male died on 7/6/09 after the ATV he was operating collided with another ATV, driven by his son. The son was not injured. Neither of them wore helmets.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine-Machine Collision

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no





2009 SUMMARY OF FATAL ATV/OHM/OHV ACCIDENTS



7/2/09 – 7:05 p.m. - Benton County

19-year-old female passenger died when the ATV she was riding on left the roadway and struck a tree. The 18-year-old operator was also injured. Neither of them were wearing helmets.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

6/20/09 – 8:24 p.m. – St. Louis County

40-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – yes

6/20/09 – 11:57 a.m. – Freeborn County

79-year-old male died after his ATV rolled over at the edge of a lake pinning him under the machine. Drowning was the likely cause of death.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

6/19/09 – 5:30 a.m. – Polk County

44-year-old male was found dead on 6/19/09 as a result of injuries sustained when he lost control of the ATV, causing the machine to roll, and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – no

6/12/09 – 12:15 p.m. – Mille Lacs County

86-year-old male died on 6/17/09 due to injuries received on 6/12/09 when the ATV he was operating rolled over, pinning him under the machine.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – no

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – no

4/12/09 – 4:20 p.m. - Cass County

16-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating overturned and he was thrown from the machine. His younger brother was a passenger on the ATV and was treated for minor injuries and released. The operator was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – yes

4/4/09 – 9:30 a.m. – Itasca County

43-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating rolled.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – BAC .286

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

2009 OHM FATALITIES SUMMARY

6/28/09 – 6:20 p.m. – Swift County

16-year-old male died. Lost control of the OHM he was operating on a private trail and struck several trees.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Type of Accident – Struck Fixed Object

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

OHM Safety Certificate - no

MN DNR Recreational Vehicle Accident statistics reflect only the accidents that were reported to the DNR. Other accident data may be obtained through Minnesota Department Of Health and the Consumer Product Safety Council.



SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT DATA Winter 2009-2010



Number of snowmobile fatalities	19
Number of injuries reported	160
Total number of accidents reported	211
Number of property damage only	41

2/27/10 – 3:35 p.m. – Itasca County

67-year-old male died the snowmobile he was operating left the Mt. Eide Trail and hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – no

2/26/10 – 10:18 p.m. – Pine County

38-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree and rolled.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .170

2/20/10 – 7:00 p.m. – Carver County

28-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a telephone pole guide wire.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .26

2/18/10 – 3:00 a.m. – Rice County

44-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating was hit by another snowmobile

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality - Machine-Machine Collision

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .14

2/14/10 – 12:33 a.m. – Red Lake County

50-year-old female died when she drove her snowmobile into a drainage ditch and impacted on the ditch embankment.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .18

2/13/10 – 5:30 p.m. - Aitkin County

49-year-old male, riding an inner tube being towed by a snowmobile, died when he struck a fence post.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – no

2/7/10 – 6:23 p.m. - Freeborn County

32-year-old male died when he drove his snowmobile into a drainage ditch and impacted on the ditch embankment, and he was pinned under the sled.

Type of Terrain – Within City or Village Limits

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .20

2/7/10 – 12:14 a.m. – Crow Wing County

46-year-old male died when he collided with a tree hanging out over the ice on Cross Lake.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Alcohol involved – BAC .20



2009-2010 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS



Number of Snowmobile Fatalities 19

2/5/10 – 6:35 p.m. – Washington County

A 28-year-old male is presumed to have drowned in St. Croix River after driving into open water at night. Searches for this person have been unsuccessful.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Alcohol involved – unknown

2/1/10 – 2:15 a.m. – St. Louis County

35-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a dock.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Snowmobile Certificate - no

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved – BAC .24

1/31/10 – 12:09 p.m. – Itasca County

61-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left the trail and hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved – no

1/29/10 – 8:11 p.m. – Douglas County

31-year-old male died from multiple injuries received after being hit by a snowmobiler from behind.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision

Alcohol Involved – BAC .04

1/21/10 – 2:30 p.m. – Steele County

64-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided with a truck.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision

Alcohol Involved - no

1/19/10 – 3:21 p.m. – Grant County

16-year-old male died when he was on the Central Lakes Trail and struck a parked semi.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision

Alcohol Involved – no

1/12/10 – 11:54 a.m. – Stearns County

47-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating and struck a trail crossing sign post.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .05

1/10/10 – 10:00 p.m. – Carlton County

22-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating, and he was thrown from the machine and struck trees.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .307

Minnesota DNR Reported Snowmobile Accident Totals '09-'10

Total Accidents – 211 Fatalities – 19 Personal Injuries – 160 Property Damage - 41

1/3/10 – 8:30 a.m. – Becker County

30-year-old female died when she lost control of the snowmobile she was operating and struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .12

12/28/09 – 10:50 p.m. – Itasca County

36-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left the trail and struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .13

12/19/09 – 9:30 p.m. – Rice County

48-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a tree.

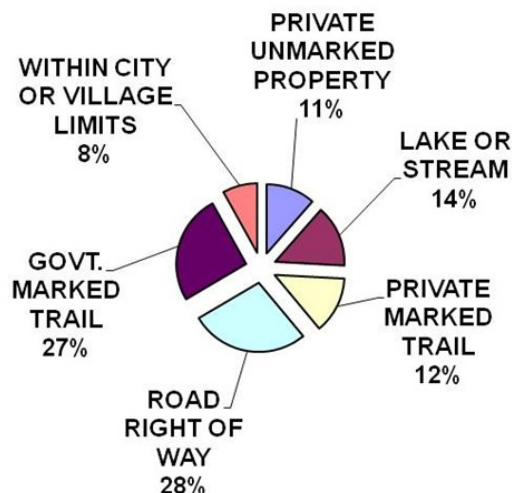
Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

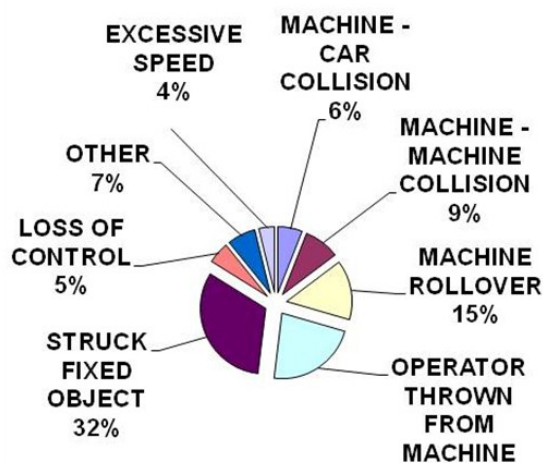
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .19

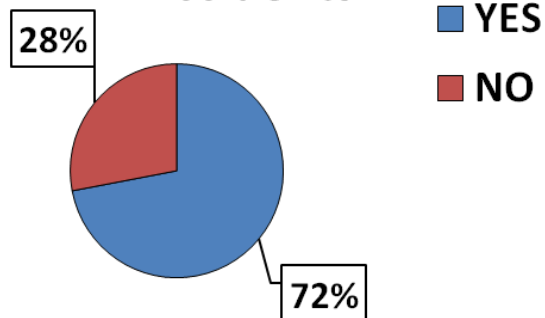
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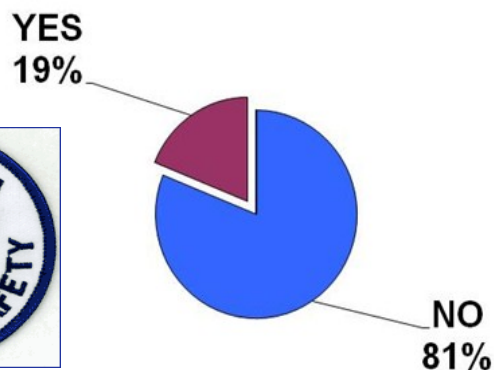
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Alcohol Involved in Fatal Accidents



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IMPORTANT WEBSITES

*Minnesota United Snowmobile
Association (MnUSA):*
www.mnsnowmobiler.org

*All Terrain Vehicle Association of
Minnesota (ATVAM):*
www.atvam.org

*International Snowmobile Manu-
facturers Assn. (ISMA):*
www.snowmobile.org

*American Council of Snowmobile
Associations (ACSA):*
www.snowmobilers.org

*International Snowmobile Hall of
Fame at:*
www.ishof.com

MN 4WD Association:
www.mn4wda.com

ARMCA District 23:
www.armca.org

*Canadian Council of Snowmobile
Organizations:*
www.ccsoccom.ca

US ATV Accident Statistics
www.atvsafety.gov

*National Off-Highway Vehicle
Conservation Council (NOHVCC)*
<http://www.nohvcc.org>

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summer!*

*"A single sunbeam is
enough to drive away
many shadows."
St. Francis of Assisi*

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